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REMARKS

Claims 4-10, 14-28 and 32-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Osama Moselhi et al., "Classification of Defects in Sewer Pipes Using Neural Networks". Journal of Infrastructure system, Sept. 2000, pages 97-104.

. The Applicant is hereby providing declarations as per 37 CFR 1.132 signed by Osama Moselhi and by Tariq Shehab-Eldeen, attesting that the subject matter relied upon in the rejection constitutes in fact the applicant's own invention and, that therefore this reference cannot be cited under 102(a) as invention "by another".

As it has been submitted previously, the reference is not citable under 102(e) since it is neither an application for patent or a patent granted on an application for patent. Furthermore, it cannot be cited under 102(b) either given that the reference was published less than one year prior to the earliest priority date of the present application, which claims priority of US Provisional Application 60/252,484, filed November 22, 2000.
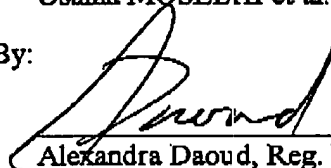
Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the present rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants believe the present application to be patentable and early and favorable notice is earnestly solicited.

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